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Official meetings

Friday, 19 September 2008

Security Council

10 a.m. — 5975th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 2

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, Sections A and B

   United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

(continued overleaf)

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. — 2nd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/63/250)[1]

[1] To be issued.

Special Ceremony

On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, the Secretary-General will ring the Peace Bell, at a ceremony to be held *today*, 19 September 2008, starting at 9.30 a.m., in the Japanese Garden in front of the United Nations conference building. The Secretary-General will deliver a message of peace and call to observe a minute of silence on that occasion.

All members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend the ceremony and are expected to gather at the site fifteen minutes prior to the event.

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10.30 a.m. . . . . 5976th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Chad, the Central African Republic and the subregion

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (S/2008/601)

Morning[1] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

MINURCAT (S/2008/601)

Peace and security in Africa

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 5976th meeting.

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m. . . . . 1648th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 9

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire

4.30 p.m. . . . . Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Preparations for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Informal consultations on the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held *today*, 19 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The consultations will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway).

The draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) can be accessed at the following links:
<www.un.org/depts/DGACM/docs/CRP/ACONF212CRP1/arabic.pdf>
<www.un.org/depts/DGACM/docs/CRP/ACONF212CRP1/chinese.pdf>
<www.un.org/depts/DGACM/docs/CRP/ACONF212CRP1/english.pdf>
<www.un.org/depts/DGACM/docs/CRP/ACONF212CRP1/french.pdf>
<www.un.org/depts/DGACM/docs/CRP/ACONF212CRP1/russian.pdf>
<www.un.org/depts/DGACM/docs/CRP/ACONF212CRP1/spanish.pdf>

For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 73 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Resumed second regular session 2008

The 37th meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held *today*, 19 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Other meetings

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Friday, 19 September 2008

Western European and Other States Group (on the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on the Ministerial Declaration)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on the organization of work of the Second Committee)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Guest at 12 noon	Mr. John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (on the food crisis in the horn of Africa)
2 p.m.	Mr. Jean-Marc Coicaud, Director, United Nations University (UNU) Office in New York; Mr. Patrick Stover, Director of the UNU Food and Nutrition Programme; Mr. Per Pinstrup-Andersen and Mr. David Sahn, Cornell University (on the UNU-Cornell Africa Series)
3.30 p.m.	Mr. Robert Harrison, CEO, Clinton Global Initiative (CGI); Mr. Amir Dossal, Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOPS); and Mr. Georg Kell, Executive Director, Global Compact Office (on the work of CGI members to take action on the global challenges in the areas of health, climate change, education, and poverty alleviation)

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 22 September 2008

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

High-level plenary meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward"

9–9.45 a.m.	Opening plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
	Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/130)	

Round tables

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
	Round table 1	
	Co-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa; and H.E. Mr. Haris Silajdžić, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Round table 2	
	Co-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda; and H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland	

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Round table 3

Co-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Abdulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal; and H.E. Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Planning, Economic Development, Labour, Information, Grenadines and Legal Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Round table 4

Co-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires, Cape Verde; and Asia Group (to be confirmed)

6.10 p.m. . . . . Closing plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

[*Note*: Information on the side events which will take place on the same day can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/ThematicDebates/adn/events.shtml>.]

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/62/399*).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; e-mail marrone@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, at a time and venue to be announced.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items (A/C.4/63/1)[1]; organization of work (A/C.4/63/L.1)[1]; list of documents of the Committee (A/C.4/63/INF/1)[1]; and aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/08)[2].

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1]To be issued.
[2]To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

Organizational meeting

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work, which will be issued as document A/C.2/63/L.1.

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing,* the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will open on Wednesday, 24 September 2008. The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/63/L.1.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 3 October 2008, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management)

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 29 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board
Fifth session
Second resumed session

The second resumed fifth session (closed) of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advance of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

General debate
(23 September–1 October 2008)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations are invited to send by e-mail an electronic copy of their statement(s), in one or more of the United Nations official languages, to ensure timely posting of the text on the United Nations Web site and as a step to reducing paper usage. Statements should be sent to: webcast@un.org and to newscentre@un.org.

High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals convened by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly (25 September 2008)

A high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals will be held on Thursday, 25 September 2008, with an opening segment starting at 8.45 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Immediately thereafter, three parallel round tables will be held in the morning and continue in the afternoon. The venues will be announced at a later date. The closing segment will be held at 5.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The three round tables will address the following themes and two cross-cutting issues, (a) Gender equality and (b) Global partnership for development:

Round table I: Poverty and hunger (Conference Room 4)

Round table II: Education and health (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

Round table III: Environmental sustainability (Economic and Social Council Chamber)

The maximum number of participants from each regional group for each round table shall be distributed as follows:

African States (18 Member States)

Asian States (18 Member States)

Eastern European States (8 Member States)

Latin American and Caribbean States (11 Member States)

Western European and other States (9 Member States)

Kiribati, the Holy See in its capacity as Observer State, and Palestine in its capacity as observer, may participate in any one of the round tables.

Delegations are reminded that participation at the meeting is expected at the highest possible political level.

In order to accommodate all the participants, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*, with the understanding, that the full text can be distributed in the conference room.

The inscriptions in the round tables are on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (2 and 3 October 2008)

A high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be held on 2 and 3 October 2008. It will comprise an opening plenary meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008 (morning), in the General Assembly Hall, followed immediately by a high-level panel on the theme "*Role of International Support in establishing efficient transit transport systems to expand trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries*", to be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The high-level plenary meeting will continue the same day from 3 to 6 p.m.; and the following day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The outcome document of the high-level midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be adopted at the closing plenary meeting to be held on Friday, 3 October 2008, from 5.30 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail heddachem@un.org). Participation at the meeting is expected at the ministerial or highest possible level. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions during the plenary meetings to no more than seven minutes.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 July 2008, as well as an information note on the high-level plenary meeting and its tentative programme have been sent to all Member States by facsimile and can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/almaty250708.pdf>.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (Twentieth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Group of 77 (Thirty-second Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Forthcoming other activities

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Ministerial Meeting in Support of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Austria, Canada, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan and the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 9.30 to 10.40 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Elke Merks, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (tel. 1 (212) 519-9553 or 1 (212) 519-9744; e-mail elke.merks@minbuza.nl).]

Briefing for parliamentarians attending the general debate of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly on cooperation between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Italy in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Permanent Representatives and Observers are invited to attend. For more information contact the IPU Office (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

High-Level Investment Forum "Investing in landlocked developing countries: trends, experiences and the way forward" (jointly organized by the UN-OHRLLS, UNCTAD and the World Bank)

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Round table on "Regional dimension for transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Announcements

East Foyer and West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge)

During the high-level plenary meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" (22 September 2008), the high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals (25 September) and the duration of the general debate (23 September–3 October), the West Foyer (Indonesian

Lounge) will be reserved for the exclusive use of Heads of State/Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes/Princesses.

Kindly note that the West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge) will be in use for a Troika Heads of State meeting on Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

The East Foyer (directly across from the entrance to the General Assembly Hall) will be made available for the exclusive use of the First Spouses.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *Arabic*
Thursday, 2 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *Chinese*
Friday, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Friday, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*
Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish.*

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 17 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

General Committee

1st meeting

Organization of work of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/63/1 and A/BUR/63/1/Corr.1)

Organization of the session (Section II)

The General Committee decided to address all of the established organizational matters concerning the General Assembly, contained in the Secretary-General's memorandum as a whole.

Section II.F

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and the Niger.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the general debate should conclude on Monday, 29 September 2008, with the understanding that the debate continues on Saturday, 27 September 2008.

The General Committee, taking into account the decision taken pertaining to the general debate, proceeded to take note of all the information that it was requested to take note of, decided to draw to the attention of the General Assembly all of the information that was suggested to be drawn to the attention of the General Assembly and to recommend to the General Assembly all that was proposed for action by the General Assembly in Section II of the Memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Adoption of the agenda (Section III)

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 49 to 51.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion of items 1 to 8.

Heading A

Item 19

The General Committee decided to defer consideration of this item to a later date.

Item 40

Statements were made by the representatives of the Niger and the United Kingdom.

The General Committee decided to recommend that consideration of this item be deferred to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Item 28

The General Committee, on the proposal of the sponsor, decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 28 in the agenda of the sixty-third session.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security), taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 19, 28 and 40.

Heading B

Sub-item (e) of item 58

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of sub-item (e) of item 58 under heading B.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), taking into account the decision taken regarding sub-item (e) of item 58.

Heading C

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the item listed under heading C (Development of Africa).

Heading D

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading D (Promotion of human rights).

Heading E

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading E (Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts).

Heading F

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

Heading G

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading G (Disarmament).

Heading H

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading H (Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations).

Heading I

Sub-item (k) of item 107

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of sub-item (k) of item 107 under heading I.

Sub-item (l) of item 107

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of sub-item (l) of item 107 under heading I.

Item 153

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 153 under heading I.

Item 154

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 154 under heading I.

Item 155

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Egypt, Argentina, Myanmar, China, Spain, Namibia and France.

The General Committee decided to postpone its consideration of the inclusion of item 155 to a later date.

Item 156

Under rule 43 of the rules of procedure the representative of Ukraine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, Kyrgyzstan, the United Kingdom, Myanmar, China and Argentina.

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of the United States and the Russian Federation.

Under rule 43 of the rules of procedure the representative of Poland made a statement.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Belarus and Kazakhstan, at their request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus and Kazakhstan.

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of the United States and the Russian Federation.

The meeting was suspended.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The General Committee decided to postpone its consideration of the inclusion of item 156 to a later date within the present calendar year.

Item 157

The General Committee decided to limit discussion of item 157 to one speaker in favour of and one against the inclusion of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Solomon Islands and China.

The General Committee decided not to recommend the inclusion of this item in the agenda of the sixty-third session.

Item 158

Under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia, made a statement.

Statements were made the representatives of Spain, France, Argentina, Egypt, Myanmar, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 158 under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

2nd meeting

Organization of work of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/63/1 and A/BUR/63/1/Corr.1)

The General Committee resumed its consideration of the inclusion of items in the agenda.

Item 159

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, France, Argentina, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom.

The General Committee decided to postpone its consideration of the inclusion of item 159 to a later date.

Item 160

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 160 under heading I.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), taking into account the decisions taken regarding sub-items (k) and (l) of item 107 and items 153 to 160.

Allocation of items (Section IV)

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 53 to 55.

Sub-item (e) of item 58

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that sub-item (e) of item 58 should be allocated to the Third Committee.

Sub-item (k) of item 107

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that sub-item (k) of item 107 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Sub-item (l) of item 107

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that sub-item (l) of item 107 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 153

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 153 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 154

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 154 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 158

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 158 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 160

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 160 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 61 concerning item 33 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 62 concerning item 43 (Report of the Economic and Social Council).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 63 concerning item 47 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 64 concerning item 47 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields) and item 109 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 65 concerning item 51 (Follow-up and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the Preparation of the 2008 Review Conference).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 66 concerning sub-item (b) of item 55 (Groups of countries in special situations: Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 67 concerning item 59 (Advancement of Women).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 68 concerning sub-item (a) of item 60 (New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support: New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 69 concerning item 67 (Promotion and protection of human rights).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 70 concerning item 91 (General and complete disarmament).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 71 concerning item 102 (Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 72 concerning item 112 (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 73 concerning item 121 (Programme planning).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 74 concerning item 131 (Administration of justice at the United Nations).

Item 61

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Argentina, Jamaica, Egypt, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Hungary, Spain, the Solomon Islands, China, Myanmar and the Niger.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of New Zealand, Mexico, Uruguay and Costa Rica, at their request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Mexico, Uruguay and Costa Rica.

The General Committee decided to defer its consideration of the allocation of item 61 to a later date.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 75 dealing with the allocation of the items of the draft agenda.

Plenary items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/63/1 and A/BUR/63/1/Corr.1, taking into account the action taken on item 33, sub-item (b) of item 55, sub-item (a) of item 60, item 61, item 67, sub-item (k) of item 107, sub-item (l) of item 107, item 121 and item 158.

First Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/63/1 and A/BUR/63/1/Corr.1, taking into account the action taken on item 82, item 112 and item 121.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/63/1 and A/BUR/63/1/Corr.1, taking into account the action taken on item 112 and item 121.

Second Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/63/1 and A/BUR/63/1/Corr.1, taking into account the action taken on item 59, item 112 and item 121.

Third Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/63/1 and A/BUR/63/1/Corr.1, taking into account the action taken on sub-item (e) of item 58, item 112 and item 121.

Fifth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/63/1 and A/BUR/63/1/Corr.1, taking into account the action taken on item 112 and item 121.

Sixth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/63/1 and A/BUR/63/1/Corr.1, taking into account the action taken on item 112, item 121, item 131, item 153, item 154 and item 160.

Thursday, 18 September 2008

Security Council

5974th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Robert H. Serry, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Serry.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Notification under article 87 (1) and (2): Suriname (25 August 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us

United Nations Headquarters (23-25 and 29 September-1 October 2008)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will be held from 23 to 25 and on 29 September and 1 October 2008, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-third General Assembly.

The event, entitled "2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties associated with the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of Sanitation and the International Polar Year, as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.158.2008 of 7 March 2008. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General

during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties, on behalf of States without having to produce to full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2008 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea
H.E. Mr. Alpha Ibrahim Sow

Asian States:
India
H.E. Mr. Nirupam Sen

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bolivia
H.E. Mr. Hugo Siles Alvarado

Western European and other States:
Greece
H.E. Mr. John Mourikis

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 18 September 2008.

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	Sixty-third session
A/63/300	Item 104 of the provisional agenda — Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/308	Item 63 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection on the rights of the children: follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children — Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on Children — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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	Third Committee
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Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/592	Letter dated 3 September 2008 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2008/593*	Reissued for technical reasons [C (only)]
S/2008/596	Letter dated 8 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

A/62/954–S/2008/604	Identical letters dated 11 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/605	Letter dated 16 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Official Records

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Forty-first session

CEDAW/C/SR.832	Meeting held on 1 July 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
CEDAW/C/SR.834	Meeting held on 2 July 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Forty-second session

CEDAW/C/2008/III/2	Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Status of submission of reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention — Report of the Secretary-General [E]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Documents

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DP/2008/53	Item 2 of the provisional agenda — Financial, budgetary and administrative matters — The role of UNDP in the changing aid environment at the country level (Supplementary report to DP/2008/36) [A C E F R S]

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